jects: Robert Bacon, former Secretary of State: Jacob N. Dickinson, former Secretary of War, and John Purroy Mitchel, mayor of New York.

#### Former Secretaries of War Support the Garrison Plan to Create Continental Army

Former republican cabinet officers, former Secretaries of War, today got behind the administration's plans for a larger army for the United States at the convention of the National Security League at the New Willard Hotel, and lent the weight of their expert knowledge of the subject to the discussion. Mr. Stimson, who personally delivered his remarks, declared himself in favor of compulsory military service as the true solution of the defense problem, and then unqualifiedly indorsed the administration's continental army plan. He said he regarded the program advanced by Secretary Garrison as the iced by Secretar Secretary Garrison as the labor views were expressed in a letter which vas read for him, declared the son's good things in Secretary Garrison's



of the National Marine leading delegates.

alan and the doing of them would be a progress in the right direction. In any view it is idle to talk of developing the National Guard itself into an idequate army for national defense, and any such attempt would lively.

and any such attempt would inevitably with in the failure of the whole movement."

Justice Henry Stockbridge of the Maryland court of appeals presided at the morning session of the convention, and Col. Franklin Q. Brown of New York presided at the afternoon session. The convention will come to an end tonight with a great banquet at the New Willard Hotel, at which Senator Lodge, former Attorney General Wickersham, and former Assistant Attorney General Beck will speak.

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#### Other Speakers at Session.

The report of the committee on reso-Root, today's speakers at the convention included Capt. Granville Fortescue, Frederic L. Huidekoper, Maj. Gen. E. A. McAlpin, president of the Boy Scouts of America: Maj. Gen. John F. O'Ryan, commanding the National Guard of the state of New York: William Barclay Parsons, the New York engineer, and others.

Mr. Huidekoper, who is a Washington military critic, said that Secretary Garrison's plan for a continental army, is based upon an excellent idea, but in his opinion is unworkable.

"Under it," he said, "the organized militia, as such, is relegated to one of the last lines of defense, where it properly belongs." Root, today's speakers at the conven-

orly belongs."

"The day of the professional army,"
Mr. Huidekoper said, "has passed. Experiment has proved that a nation in arms is the sole solution. The only way to obtain such a result is by exacting compulsory service upon the part of all able-bodied males. This is no more at variance with republican or democratic principles, or with American institutions and traditions, than is the payment of taxes under compulsion. The men who are to defend their heritage must be given proper training and The men who are to defend their heri-tage must be given proper training and all the force of the nation concentrated in the central government. Otherwise there exists a weakness of alliances which the present European war has demonstrated too forcibly to require elucidation here."

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Mr. Huidekoper laid particular emphasis upon the fact that historians and the writers of American school books have painted in glowing colors the successes which have attended former wars. "but." he said, "almost without exception they have suppressed with studied care the disasters which we have so often suffered and the plundars which have here committed.



FREDERIC L. HUIDEKOPER.

force. Four years ago, when it was clear that no other force of federal reserves could be obtained from Congres I rejuctantly gave my approval pay bill in order to obtain the apay bill in order to obtain the advan-tage of training and discipline which the measure provided. Further study of the subject and of the situation evoked by the war has made it clear to me that such legislation would be

of its enlistments to our population is so far below that in other Englishspeaking countries as to make it clear that some fundamental defect is at

#### Traces Defect to Source.

"It seems to me that these defects n be traced directly to the fact that the National Guard is in fact a state military force which we are also requiring to do duty for the national Elihu Root and Henry L. Stimson, both government. So long as such forces former Secretaries of War, today got exist the states are tempted to slut behind the administration's plans for their police duties and to rely wholly

In his letter Mr. Root said of the Na tional Guard:

the elements of military service a great number of young Americans to whom the President may turn when he seeks suitable men to be appointed officers in the national army. The idea, however, that these forty-eight different bodies of troops, with officers appointed by forty-eight different governors, can be made the basis for developing an effective mobile national army is quite absurd. An effective army must be built up on the principle of complete unity of control. This can never be attained by developing forty-eight different bodies under officers appointed by forty-eight different governors, and, up to the time of war, under the direction of forty-eight different commanders-in-chief."

#### William Barclay Parsons Urges the Creation of an **Engineer Reserve Corps**

William Barclay Parsons, the New York engineer and constructor, delivering an address this afternoon before the convention of the National Security League at the New Willard Hotel, advocated the creation in the United States of an engineer reserve corps, similar to the Medical Reserve Corps, and told some of the details of what already has been done by the engineering societies and organizations of the United States toward offering the servering the two policies mention—defirity, as mall regular army, and science, and army of citizen soldiers—volunteers—the pertinent question arises and goes to the heart of preparedeness. From what source are the officers to command these troops to be drawn? The training of an officer requires years. The question actually presents a problem as yet unsolved in this country, and yet it is a problem that admits of ready solution in a rapid, conservative and economical way through a proper use of the military League of the U. S. A., one of the and told some of the details of what

lutions will be presented late this army, should the unfortunate continafternoon. In addition to Mr. Stimson gency arise, appointed separate committees to consider the problems involved. These committees, in order to



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Views of National Guard.

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"There is not a country in Europe that feels kindly to us today, and we know it. There is no use for us to try would probably be actually decreased which is highly gratifying and distinctly to disguise it. So do not let any of us any go will the idea that any so we have the company of the country in Europe that feels kindly to us today, and we know it. There is no use for us to try to disguise it. So do not let any of us any go will the idea that any so we have the country in Europe that feels kindly to us today, and we know it. There is no use for us to try to disguise it. So do not let any of us any go will the idea that any so we have the country in Europe that feels kindly to us today, and we know it. There is no use for us to try to disguise it. So do not let any of us to the country in Europe that feels kindly to us today, and we know it. There is no use for us to try to disguise it. So do not let any of us to the country in Europe that feels kindly to us today, and we know it. There is no use for us to try to disguise it. So do not let any of us to the country in Europe that feels kindly to us today, and we know it. There is no use for us to try to disguise it. So do not let any of us to the country in Europe that feels kindly to us today, and we know it. There is no use for us to try to the country in Europe that feels kindly to us today, and we know it. There is no use for us to try to the country in Europe to the country in Europe that feels kindly to us today, and we know it. There is no use for us to try to the country in Europe to the country in Europ

## Rear Admiral Chester Asks Support for the President in Army and Navy Matters

Among the administration's defenders

out of office; but so long as he is in office we should remember that he represents the entire nation, and should support him in the recommendations he makes along this line."

A resolution voicing the league's support of the President was introduced by Admiral Chester, but was not acted on.

#### Says Country Must Depend on Military Schools for Officers in Case of War

48 Sovereignties Too Many.

In his letter Mr. Root said of the Naonal Guard:
"In time of peace they are rendering most useful service by training in the letter to the services and cadets, showed to what extent such schools have rendering to the services and cadets, showed to what extent such schools have rendering to the services and cadets, showed to what extent such schools have rendering to the services and cadets, showed to what extent such schools have rendering the services are serviced as the selected two military schools in the United States as types, namely, Norwich University, Vermont, and the Virginia Military Institute, and by respectively. the elements of military service a great number of young Americans to whom the President may turn when he seeks suitable men to be appointed officers suitable men to be appointed officers would be of inestimable value to the nation in time of military necessity in the future.

#### Must Depend Upon Schools.

"With a comparatively small standing rmy as the avowed policy of this ountry," said Gen. Nichols, "the nation must of necessity depend upon the military schools to furnish the officers to train volunteers when volunteers are

through a proper use of the military colleges and schools. The method lies in federal aid to these institutions.

#### War Department Generous.

"The Department of War has been as generous in dealing with the military schools as the law would allow. The law, however, should be amended so to give the Secretary of War wider forestion in utilizing funds placed at s disposal. These funds should be ger. A desirable law would be one der which a direct bonus might be ven each military school for every e of its graduates accepted by the ar Department for the reserve offers' corps. It might be advisable to opt both these proposals. There is no ubt that the military schools fursh the only means at present for liding up a reserve offers' corps. Ley should be aided by the governent generously in order that they apy perform their important function equately."

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Only Solution for Defense,

Security League Proclaims

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Problems Were Considered.

"Last spring the five national engineering societies of the United States, realizing the great need for a very large increase in the numerical strength of the Engineer Corps of the army, should the unfortunate contingency arise, appointed separate committees to consider the problems in volved. These committees, in order to adequately."

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# Universal Military Service

laimed as the only real solution of the national defense problem of the United States at last night's meeting of the National Security League, held at Memorial Continental Hall, by Senator Mitchel, mayor of New York, presided. Recognizing that the people were not ready for such a step, however, Sen-ator Chamberlain said Secretary Gar-rison's continental army plan might be utilized to provide the force which the country must have to guarantee its secountry must have to guarantee its se-curity as a world power, protect the Panama canal and be ready to repel possible aggression from either Europe

or Japan.

Senator Chamberlain's speech came at the close of a day and night crowded with plea after plea for arming the nation. Mayor Mitchel threw the league into a tumult of applause by demanding adequate protection for the country's materials. Senator Phelan of Calinetropolis. Senator Phelan of Cali-fornia spoke of "the Pacific peril, and appealed for preparedness to meet pos-sible attack from Japan."

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Wiews of National Guard.

Both Mr. Stimson and Mr. Root went into detail as to the reasons for their belief that the National Guard cunnot be organized into an effective force for suffered as it is, by forty-eight separate sovereigntes.

Mr. Stimson said, in part:

"One of the propositions which are being seriously urged before Congress is that we solve the national Treasur state military and a serious structural from the national Treasur state military into the first character as a state with the very time Japan was making the serious structural into the first state military into the most valuable order—gymnastics with a visible result and a decided purpose. They will give you straight shoulders, deep lungs and a splendid carriage. They will give you the Mexican coast. It is rumored today that her troops are in that country. She has had a warship in the waters down there, presumably crippled, and has been over a large number of her major positions which are being seriously urged before Congress in the vessel was not crippled at all, and experience in all our harbors; to construct embedge and their services in the tree was over here. It will be demand under the twelve arbein, engineers would be needed at once the first demand under the twelve arbein, engineers would be needed at once the first demand under the twelve arbein, engineers would be needed at once the first demand under the twelve arbein all our harbors; to construct embedge and present that the very time Japan was making the demand their advances and trenches, along our protest was so fortified that feet was over here. It will, the first demand under the twelve arbein all our harbors; to construct embedge and present and the first demand under the twelve arbein, and feared American are propositions which are such as the first demand under some of the needs of engineer service the fragment of the Japanese fleet, to appreciate how inadequate in num- which could have put our cities under

## "None Feel Kindly Toward Us."

encouraging that this plan of an engineer reserve has, so far as our committee knows, met with the approval of the officers in the army from the Secretary of War down. The following extract from a letter from an officer of high standing and rank in the Corps of Engineers is but one illustration of such official support:

When the down the idea that any of the powers of Europe feel too kindly to us to wage an aggressive war on us after the present war is over.

"They say we ought not to talk about these things. Why not? There is too much of a disposition nowadays to conceal the truth from the down the conceal the truth from the conceal truth the conceal of Engineers is but one illustration of such official support:

"I am strongly impressed with the importance of it, and it is good to know that men who likewise realize this importance are giving of their time and efforts to assist in putting our United States in a condition to meet any emergency which may arise. To those of us who know, it is very plain that one of our greatest lacks under present conditions will be a body of trained officers. The present war emphasizes the fact that such a body of men is a valuable asset and the lack of it a cause of disaster."

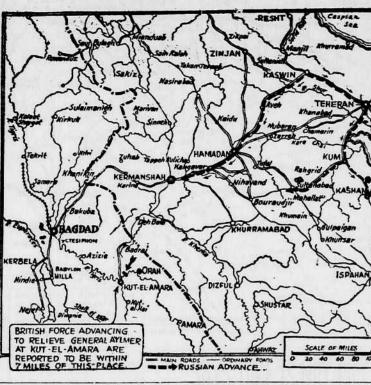
much of a disposition nowadays to conceal the truth from the people. With that feeling in my heart and that thought in my mind, I call your attention to the orient. On the Pacific coast, where I live, we look across the water and see a powerful, warlike people that in fifty years have developed into not only the most warlike nation on the face of the earth, but the most industrious people on the face of the earth, and I glory in the magnificent progress they have made. I have not in my heart anything but the kindest of feelings toward them.

## Racial Differences a Bar.

"But there are racial differences. Not hatred-God knows we do not hate hem-anybody whose color is different rom ours-but there are racial differences and distinctions, which will al-Among the administration's defenders a mistake.

"Under the federal Constitution, the National Guard, or organized militia, is primarily a state force instead of a national reserve, and I do not believe that any effective national citizens' army can be created out of a force dominated by forty-eight separate sovereigntles. For nearly fifteen years strenuous efforts have been made by the federal government as well as by the federal government as well as by the federal government as well as by mained nearly stationary. The ratio ways prevent these great powers from

THE RUSSIAN BATTLEGROUND.



The California people did not submit to it. They would rather be driven into the sea, my friends, than to submit

to it.
"A year ago the President was opposed to any and all preparedness. Now they are blaming him for changing his mind. My friends, there is nobody but a fool who never changes his mind. I

to train volunteers when volunteers are called, and to help supply the officers needed for the regular army at other and all times. Therefore, the government should aid the military schools in material ways so that they may expand and do the highest sort of work possible."

Gen. Nichols gave it as his opinion that 500,000 men would be a safe minimum for the regular army. He continued:

"Accepting the two policies mentioned—first, a small regular army, and second, an army of citizen soldiers—volunteers—the pertinent question arises and goes to the heart of preparations of From what source are the of-

#### Defense Demanded for New York. Mayor Mitchel said, in part:

"For the greatest, as well as

the happiness of mankind.

# morial Continental Hall, by Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the Senate military committee. John Purroy SHOULD WAR COME

(Continued from First Page.) ganization positively is not for aggression, but for protection." Here are the benefits which the pneumonia.

league proposes to give, again quoting from its circular:
"We offer you something far better than the average gymnasium. We will give you, to begin with, thorough calisthenic drilling under the most expert military instructors. These are gymnastics of the most valuable order

## Other Lines of Activity.

To women of a "less intrepid spirit, and others having other reasons for not wishing to enter this form of work," other lines of activity are to be opened, such as nursing, etc.

Many "don'ts" are given for those becoming members. They follow: "Don't
talk too much. Don't be militant; be
military. Don't be aggressive; be concillatory. Don't lose your head; others
may go with it. Don't shirk; work."

# IN "HEART BALM" SUIT

Mrs. Ida May McNabb Given Another Opportunity to Obtain \$500,-000 Damages From J. S. Kinney.

Justice Stafford of the District Su-

reme Court today directed a new trial I of the suit for \$500,000 damages for alleged breach of contract to marry The order was based on the mandate of the appellate court which recently let aside a verdict for \$30,000 damages ordered in favor of the widow by a ury last spring. No date has been set or the rehearing.

Attorney Charles Poe represents the later at the widow at the relation of the seizure of the consuls at Saloniki.

British Museum May Close.

# SAYS TIME IS NOT RIPE FOR MOVE BY NEUTRALS

#### A. J. Blethea of Ford Party Reports Germans Saying They Have Sufficient Men and Means.

NEW YORK, January 22 .- The Amercan steamship New York arrived today from Liverpool and reported havng experienced one of the hardest passages in her history.

Andrew J. Bethea, lieutenant govern or of South Carolina, who accompanied nost vulnerable of all our communities Henry Ford on his peace mission to -the city of New York-I am here to Europe, was one of the passengers on speak tonight as its chief executive, the steamship. He left the party in and to say, as solemnly as I may, that Copenhagen and made his way into New York demands that it shall enjoy, in common with all other parts of the nation, the insurance of its tranquillity and safety through the immediate establishment of adequate means of efective national defense.

"The present defenseless condition of this nation has already been discussed. Our neglect has amounted to a national crime. It has brought into jeopardy our national peace.

Copenhagen and made his way into Germany, from there going to Switzerland and thence to England. Lieut. Gov. Bethea said that from his observations in countries of both belligerents the time for neutral nations to move for peace had not yet arrived.

"In Germany the cry is for conservation of resources," he said. "They say they have medically they have med they have sufficient men and means for military equipment. In England I found the cry was for men and proper equip-

#### Hospital Ship Chased by U-Boat.

Dr. C. J. Edgar of Hatley, Que., a major in the British Medical Corps, invalided home, was another passenger. He said that for over a year he had been serving on the British hospital ship Carisbrook Castle, and that he assisted in taking wounded from the Dardanelles. March 19 last, he said, the Carisbrook Castle was chased for twenty-five minutes by a German submarine while off Beachy Head. He added that at that time the ship had 750 wounded on board and escaped by outrunning

### CAPT. THOMAS B. RHODES SUCCUMBS TO PNEUMONIA

Employe of Quartermaster's Department of Army and Civil War Veteran Was 72 Years Old.

Capt. Thomas B. Rhodes, seventy-two years old, veteran of the civil war, and partment of the army for many years, died this morning at his home, 1004 Park road, following a brief illness of

Funeral services are to be held Monday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, at the residence, Rev. Lewis E. Purdum and Dr. Stephen M. Newman officiating. Interment is to be at Arlington national Capt. Rhodes had been an employe of the office of the depot quartermaster pear to improve there is apt to be no since 1898. He was a member of the further move to force the administra-Masonic fraternity, but had no lodge

connection in this city.

His wife, Mrs. Susic Root Rhodes. member of the board of education son, Thomas B. Rhodes, jr., and daughters, residing in Boston, are

## INTERCESSION BY THE U.S. EFFECTIVE WITH ALLIES

German, Austrian, Turkish and Bulgarian Consuls, Held at Saloniki Released From Custody.

Through the good offices of the United States, the German, Austrian, loniki, who have been held under ar- Bianchetti pleaded not guilty. rest by the allies on board a French warship in the harbor, are to be released.

consuls shall not resume their function in Saloniki, but must return to their wn countries. The State Department's activity in

this case was exercised in pursuance of the duty it assumed at the outbreak of the war of looking after the interest of the citizens of most of the war-

## May Surrender Briton

Charge Einstein of the American illed by Mrs. Ida May McNabb, a widow by cable to surrender, if Bulgaria infimily milwaukee, Wis., against John S. kinney of Palatka, Mich., reputed a nillionaire mine owner. by cable to surrender, if Bulgaria in-

#### British Museum May Close. LONDON, January 22.-The London terers International Union

National Portrait Gallery already is Museum will be shut up the first of February. Only a part of the national gallery is now open to the public, most of the important works of art having been removed on account of the danger from Zeppelin raids.

# AMERICANS' DEATH | MEXICAN RUSTLER DECREED BY PACT

Santa Ysabel Massacre'Was Result of Agreement by Mexican Bandits.

#### CARRANZA NOW BELIEVED IN CONTROL OF SITUATION

Normal Conditions Being Restored in Guaymas Region-Senators Watching Events.

Revelations that Mexican bandit eaders had, in convention assembled, decreed death to Americans in Mexico, as well as armed opposition to the de facto government, was one of the out standing features in the Mexican sitution here today. It became known that the agreement as reached at a formal convention

held near Cordoba, Mexico, in November, according to information which came to the State Department at that time. Participants in the agreement are said to have included \*epresentaves of Villa, Zapata, Argumedo Higinio, Aguilar and others. The murder of the American mining en by Mexican bandits at Santa Ysabel recently is believed to have been carried out pursuant to the Cordoba

Administration officials have looked to the Carranza authorities, who have been fully informed as to the rebel movements, to prevent the carrying out of threats against Americans. They are believed to have the situation fairly well in hand now, although the revolutionary leaders still are conducting operations.

#### Indemnities May Be Claimed.

Under pressure of appeals from the people of southwestern Texas, the State Department is assembling all evidence in connection with the massacre of the seventeen American citizens at Santa Ysabel, with a view toward presenting a formal claim on the Carranza government for an indemnification of the widows and other relatives of the murdered men.

dered men.

No new reports concerning the capture of Villa or bandits conected with the killing of Americans at Santa Ysabel were received today.

Progress in restoring normal conditions in the region about Guaymas, Sonora, was reported in today's State Department advices.

Gen. Serrano's forces were reported forcing their way inland, one band of Yaqui Indians being defeated yesterday in a skirmish. raqui Indians being defeated yester-day in a skirmish.

Guaymas authorities were reported busy checking a smallpox epidemic there.

## Senators Watching Situation.

While the Mexican situation was not entilated in the Senate chamber to ay-the Senate having adjourned until Monday-some of the members of the Senate were today keeping in close touch with the course of events in the southern republic. Reports from the border to one of the senators, it was learned, indicated that conditions were worse, if anything, in Mexico today than they were forty-eight hours ago.

The information, which came in the The information, which came in the form of a telegram, stated that Carranza was "a joke" in Mexico; that in many parts of the country he had no influence whatever, and that he was afraid to go into some sections of the country, not because of Villa and his followers, but because of the hostility of the people themselves.

One organization, it was said, was ready today with \$,000 men to take the field against Carranza whenever the time seemed to be ripe, and this was not connected with the Villa forces.

Statements to the effect that Mexicans

Statements to the effect that Mexicans Statements to the effect that Mexicans had been killed and that those killed up, supposedly by Zapata adherents, had been guilty of the massacre of Americans last week were discounted. The fact that Mexicans had been killed the mine owner of the state of Oaxaca, guest was former Ambassador Dumba The fact that Mexicans had been kill-ed was not denied, because Mexicans were killed almost daily, but that they were connected with the murder of the Americans was doubted. It is easy enough to kill a Mexican and then label him murderer of Americans, i was pointed out.

## Depends Upon Carranza.

What will be the course of the senators insisting upon some intervention emetery under auspices of the G. A. R. in Mexico remains a matter of conjecture. If affairs under Carranza aption's hand. But should it develop that erences to the United States. Carranza cannot handle the situation, those who demand action will be heard rom again.

from again.

The report has been received here also that some of the men upon whom Carranza relies to uphold his government are in reality ready to strike out

## ALLEGED SLAYER PROTECTED.

Cleveland Police Take Precautions at Arraignment of Louis Bianchetti. CLEVELAND, Ohio, January 22 .-Louis Bianchetti, brought back from New York yesterday afternoon, was arraigned in court here today on the SEEKS TO RECOVER \$388 charge of first degree murder in connection with the death of Dolores Turkish and Bulgarian consuls at Sadeath in a hotel here two weeks ago.

Judge Thomas Kennedy, fearing repetition of the demonstration which ccurred when the prisoner reached the The consuls were arrested soon after the military occupation of Saloniki on the charge that they were communicating military information to the Bul
"Kill him" on his arrival yesterday. cating military information to the Bulgarians outside of the city to direct an attack upon the town by enemy aeroplanes.

Condition of Release.

The condition of release is that the

## VICTIMS OF PETROMORTIS.

William H. Noll and Bride Asphyx-

legation at Sofia has been instructed and the husband was standing along-

#### To Hold 1918 Biennial Meeting Here The Bricklayers, Masons and Plas-

norning newspapers today forecast the ed Washington for its 1918 biennial early closing of the British Museum, meeting, according to information remostly as a measure of economy. The National Portrait Gallery already is closed and the Wallace Art Collection Museum will be shut up the first of February. Only a part of the national gallery is now open to the public, most of the important works of art having then moved on account of the danger room Zeppelin raids.

meeting, according to information redeved by Chairman Chris J. Gockeler of the joint conventions usually lasts about two weeks, and there are about 600 delegates in attendance. Washington was selected as the result of an invitation extended in behalf of the joint committee by the delegates from this city to a recent meeting of the union in Toronto, Canada.

# SHOOTS AMERICAN

000 men, now being concentrated, it is said, for a campaign to kill in its inception a possible new revolt led by Fran cisco Villa, Benjamin Argumedo, Contre ras and other anti-Carranza chiefs. Each of these leaders so far has been perating independently. Their partisant lere, however, declare they are to combine and immediately enter upon the first phase of a new revolution.

#### Admits Villa Is Factor.

"Villa has handled 40,000 men in his areer," said Gov. Enrique of Chihuahua. It must be admitted that he will be

"It must be admitted that he will be a factor as long as he is alive. However, with 19,000 men and a commander like Gen. Trevino, who, despite his mere thirty-two years, is a great general, neither Villa nor any of the others can last long. In fact, their commands are nothing but bands of bandits.

Torreon was selected as the concentrating point for the Carranza troops, because of its location in the territory in which bandits are said to be operating. Argumedo's troops occupied a suburb of Torreon two weeks ago and after looting some stores and holding up Howard Potter, a son of James Brown Potter of Chicago, for \$10,000, departed for the northwest. Since then the city has been reported quiet.

#### Dispersal of the Bandits Who Massacred Americans.

But Gen. Villa Not Captured CHIHUAHUA CITY, Mexico, January 2.-Reports of the capture of Gen. and exhibit their bodies with those of Jose Villa, or of persons known to have taken Rodriguez and Miguel Baca-Valles. No

#### No Report From Gen. Cavazos

"With regard to the direct pursuit of illa, Gen. Cavazos was charged with a determined search by three Carranza this task, and as he is at present at Guerrero, no report so far has been received from him in this office regard- married and has forsaken his cavalry ng his campaign.

"We have three competent guerrillas engaged exclusively in pursuing bandits who assaulted the train in which the Americans rode."

Rumors were current here all day yesterday terday concerning the capture of Gen. Villa. Many people who know the coun-try about San Geronimo generally scout the idea of Villa's capture.

#### OPEN FIRE ON MEXICANS.

Customs Officers at El Paso Prevent Several From Crossing Border. EL PASO, Tex., January 22.-Custom

fficers early today opened fire on several Mexicans attempting to cross the international border with large bundles of rags. The Mexicans fled.

"We have three columns after Villa," "We have three columns after Villa," the international border with large bundles any time that he has been killed or captured." of rags. The Mexicans fled

## TWENTY-THREE PERSONS KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Passenger Train Blown Up Near Puebla, Mexico, Supposedly by Zapata Adherents.

EL PASO, January 22 .- Twenty-three ersons were killed near Puebla recently, when a passenger train was blown in honor of Henry C. Breckinridge, as-

#### ahead of the one on which he was menu. traveling from Mexico City.

Volley Fired by Bandits. "Several volleys were fired into our train," added Mr. Trumbo. With him was the host at a luncheon given at was H. C. Tanner of Mexico City, who the Chevy Chase Club last June, at is convalescing from a bullet wound which the guests were Assistant Sec inflicted, he said, by a military officer retary and Mrs. Breckinridge and Capt. when Tanner resented insulting ref-

Mr. Trumbo reported typhus fever

#### ampant throughout southern and tral Mexico. Conditions as to filth and destitution were indescribable, he said

Officer Takes His Cost The party had only dry tortillas to eat during the journey, and at every stop officers demanded money. One of ficer took Mr. Trumbo's coat.

of a passenger train near Puebla with twenty-three casualties is the first inimation of such a tragedy to reach the border.

Mr. Trumbo's story of the blowing up

#### STOLEN FROM CONSULATE House Committee Considering Claim of Dr. John E. Jones, Former

Consul at Genoa.

How Dr. John E. Jones of this city, while American consul at Genoa, was of the United States, Chairmen Stone robbed of \$388 of consulate funds while of the Senate foreign relations committee helping Americans at the outset of the and Flood of the House foreign affairs European war was disclosed in a report committee, and the Bennet resolution to Secretary Lansing, which the House committee on claims is now considering. The money was withdrawn from a Genoa bank and put in a desk at the consulate, because "serious financial difficulties were foreseen in connection

with the outbreak of the war."

Simultaneously, said Secretary Lansing, "hundreds of Americans went to Genoa, demanding immediate relief.

Wictims of petromortis, William H. Noll and his bride of a few days were found dead in Noll's garage today. Mrs. Noll was sitting in their automobile and the husband was standing alongside the car leaning over the door. Both had been dead some hours. They were last seen allve last night, when after a drive Noll ran the car into the garage. The authorities say they were overcome by the fumes of the gasoline and asphyxiated.

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"Simultaneously," said Secretary Lansing, "hundreds of Americans went to Genoa, demanding immediate relief. Mr. Jones removed the money to his office, which was then crowded by hundreds of excited men and women. He was preparing to disburse a portion of it when he was called to the telephone to answer a long-distance communication from the American embassy at Rome. When he returned to his desk the money had disappeared, and the conclusion was reached that it had been taken by one of the visitors."

Consul Jones made good the loss, and his claim is now up to Congress. Dr. Jones now is consul at Lyon, France.

## Wants Kelley's Appeal Expedited.

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quest with the Supreme Court of the United States for early disposition of Morgan Shuster Going to the Orient. the appeal of Thomas Kelley, millionaire contractor, arrested in Chicago for charges of obtaining \$1,250,000 by false pretenses in the construction of the parliament building at Winnipeg. Kelley has appealed to the court from the action of the Chicago federal courts in refusing on habeas corpus proceedings to release him from arrest.

Morgan Shuster Going to the Orient.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 22—W. Morgan Shuster, former Philippine commissioner, is to sail from here today for the orient. He said he was on his way to the Philippines for a vacation, and he termed reports that he was going to the orient on a mission for President Wilson "a mere illusion."

The province of Manitoba, Canada,

oday through its attorneys filed a re-

# CAPTURE OF VILLA IS EXPECTED SOON

Reported to Be Surrounded by Carranza Troops at

## TAKES TIME TO MARRY DESPITE BEING SOUGHT

El Rucia.

Bandits Captured Near Guerrero Several Days Ago Said to Have Been Executed on the Field.

PEARSON, Chihuahua, January 22 .-Francisco Villa, according to latest military reports, was at El Rucia, thirteen miles from here, and surrounded by Carranza troops. His capture was expected at any moment, military officials declared.

#### Bandits Executed on the Field.

JUAREZ, January 22.- A number of andits reported captured several days ago near Guerrero were executed on the field, according to Gov Ignacia Enriquez of Chihuahua. The number of bandits slain was not given.

It had been planned originally to being the men to Chihuahua City, execute them Villa, or of persons known to have taken part in the Santa-Ysabel massacre, in which eighteen foreigners were killed, on January 10, are untrue, according to Gen. Luis Herrera, who today distated the following statement:

"The bandits who assaulted the train carrying some Americans were attacked by forces of the Santa Ysabel garrison at a point called La Jaya and were completely dispersed and four of them killed.

Rodriguez and Miguel Baca-Valles. No reason for the change in plans was given. Gov. Enriquez denied reports that Ysabel massacre had been brought to Chibuahua City and executed. He said that in the official report rendered to Carranza concerning the murder of eighteen foreigners by bandits at Santa Ysabel January 10, the statement was made that although of the men responsible for the massacre, he was not within thirty miles of the scene at the time it occurred.

#### Villa Takes Time to Wed.

Although supposed to be the object of columns sent out to bring him in, dead or alive, Villa has found time to be saddle to ride in a coach with his bride,

according to Gov. Enriquez. At least two women, one now in Cuba and the other in Los Angeles, are said to claim Villa as husband, but Enriquez said he had authentic information that Villa had tarried at Bachineva, in the mountains of western Chihuahua, lo

mountains of western Chihuahua, long enough to marry.

The man who gave this information, Enriquez said, saw Villa only four days ago. He confirmed previous reports that Villa was boasting he "would force intervention by the United States inside of thirty days." He asserted that Villa had only a few men with him. Gov, Enriquez asserted that the man who made the report and forty other Villa followers, had sought amnesty.

"We have three columns after Villa."

## **EXPLANATION OF AN ITEM** IN VAN PAPEN'S ACCOUNTS

Luncheon Said to Have Been for Three Really for Large Party, Officials Say.

Advices from London regarding the private papers taken from Capt. von Papen, the recalled German military attache, say that his check book shows a payment of \$68 for a breakfast given by von Papen at the Chevy Chase Club of Austria." Surprise was expressed i Only one passenger survived, it was the dispatch that a breakfast for three reported. Mr. Trumbo said the train persons should cost the amount stated, which was blown up was immediately and a desire was expressed for the

## Disclosed by Inquiry.

Inquiry in official circles here developed the fact that Capt. von Papen Powell Clayton of the general staff of the army and Mrs. Clayton, Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador; Dr. Dumba, the Austrian ambassador; and Mme. Dumba, Prince and Princes: yon Hatzfeldt, Baron and Baroness Zwiedinek, Prince Hohenlohe and other members of the German and Austrian embassies to the number of about a

# Assistant Secretary Breckinridge de-lined to discuss the matter in any

TO TAKE UP PEACE PLANS House Committee Will Hear Persons Interested in Pending Bills.

All interested in pending bills proposing individual solutions of the peace problem for Europe will be given an opportunity to talk before the House foreign affairs committee Tuesday, under an arrangement made today by Chairman Flood of the com mittee. The Shallenberger resolution to create "a commission for enduring peace," to comprise former President Taft. William J. Bryan, Associate Justice Hughes of the Supreme Court directing the President to take steps looking to peace, are among the res

#### "Lard" Really Copper Ingots. LIVERPOOL, January 22 .- The news-

papers in discussing the selzure of the

audience in the Majestic Theater, which occupies the first floor, was ignorant of the flames above. No one in the theater knew of the fire until the performance